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Applicants : Eric A. Schon
Serial No. : 10/086,489 Examiner: J. Fredman
Filed : February 28, 2002 Art Unit: 1637
For : A METHOD TO DETECT MUTATIONS IN A NUCLEIC ACID USING A HYBRIDIZATION-LIGATION PROCEDURE

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Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of the Examiner mailed September 27, 2005 finally rejecting pending claims 90-163 in connection with the above-identified application. The required fee for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) is FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) and a check for this amount is enclosed. Applicants are concurrently filing a request for an additional two-month extension of time, making this application pending today.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$500.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal, is deemed necessary. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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